

## Largest Employers in Polk County

These employers provide nearly  
1 in every 2 jobs in the county

### Employer Name

Polaris Industries Mfg LLC  
County of Polk  
St Croix Regional Medical Center Inc  
Osceola Public School  
School District of Amery  
Amery Regional Medical Center Inc  
Wal-Mart Associates Inc  
Ladd Memorial Hospital Inc  
Balsam Lake-Unity-Milltown Public  
School District of St Croix Falls  
Advanced Food Products LLC  
Marketplace Foods of St Croix Falls  
Mathy Construction Co  
The Evangelical Lutheran Good  
Cardinal Glass Industries Inc  
School District of Clear Lake  
Bishop Fixture & Millwork Inc  
Luck Public School  
Northwire Inc  
Tenere Inc  
Amery Technical Products Inc (Amtec)  
Durex Products Inc  
Frederic Public School  
UFE Inc  
Frederic Care Center  
Riverbank  
Pixall LLC  
A A Hanson Electric Inc  
Saint Croix Valley Hardwoods Inc  
Amery Foods Inc  
Eagle Valley Bank, N.A.  
Willow Ridge Healthcare Facilities  
Clayton Public School  
Village Pizzeria  
Polk Co. Adult Development Center

### Product or Service

All Other Transportation Eq. Mfg  
Executive & Legis. Offices, Combined  
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals  
Elementary & Secondary Schools  
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Discount Department Stores  
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals  
Elementary & Secondary Schools  
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Cheese Mfg  
Sprmrkts/Othr Groc.(not Conv) Stores  
Highway, Street, & Bridge Construction  
Nursing Care Facilities  
Glass Prod. Mfg from Purchased Glass  
Elementary & Secondary Schools  
Showcase/Partition/Shelving/Locker Mfg  
Elementary & Secondary Schools  
Copper Wire (except Mech.) Drawing  
Spl. Die & Tool/Die Set/Jig/Fixture Mfg  
Coated/Lamin. Packag/Ppr/Plstcs Film Mf  
All Other Plastics Product Mfg  
Elementary & Secondary Schools  
All Other Plastics Product Mfg  
Nursing Care Facilities  
Commercial Banking  
Farm Machinery & Equipment Mfg  
Electrical Contractors  
Cut Stock, Resawing Lumber, & Planing  
Sprmrkts/Othr Groc.(not Conv) Stores  
Commercial Banking  
Nursing Care Facilities  
Elementary & Secondary Schools  
Full-Service Restaurants  
Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Source: WI DWD, Unemployment Compensation file, June 2003

**For more information:** [www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi](http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi)  
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## Job Centers in West Central Wisconsin

Barron Co. Job Center  
113 N. Main St.  
Rice Lake, WI 54868  
715-234-6826

Chippewa Co. Job Center  
13 E. Spruce St.  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
715-726-2551

Clark Co. Job Center  
501 Hewitt St.  
Neillsville, WI 54456  
715-743-4631

Dunn Co. Job Center  
401 Technology Dr.  
Menomonie, WI 54751  
715-232-7380 ext.127

Eau Claire Job Center  
221 W. Madison St.  
Eau Claire, WI 54703  
715-836-5165

Pepin Co. Job Center  
316 W. Madison St.  
Durand, WI 54736  
715-672-8801

Pierce Co. Job Center  
388 W. Main St.  
Ellsworth, WI 54011  
715-273-6788

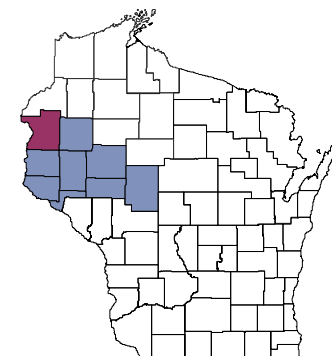
Polk Co. Job Center  
404 Main St.  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
715-485-3115

St. Croix Co. Job Center  
240 Wisconsin Dr. #110  
New Richmond, WI 54017  
715-246-6790 ext.105

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# POLK COUNTY

## LABOR MARKET TRENDS

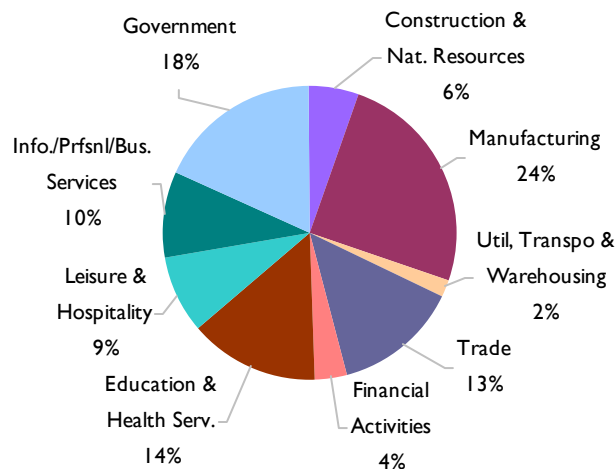


### Polk County...

is one of nine counties in the West Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Area. The county shares a border with Minnesota and every day thousands of workers cross over it for work. However, many more residents find work with local manufacturers, health institutions, government agencies, and trade businesses.

Nearly one-quarter of the jobs in Polk County are with manufacturing employers

### Employment by Industry In Polk County: 2003



including 10 that are on the list of the county's largest employers. The list of occupations (inside page) includes 5 production occupations. The next greatest share of jobs is in government, primarily with local school districts. The annual average wage for manufacturing workers in 2002 was \$32,695, while the average for government workers was \$27,202. The annual average for all workers in the county was \$25,566, roughly 79 percent of the average for all workers in the state of \$32,422.

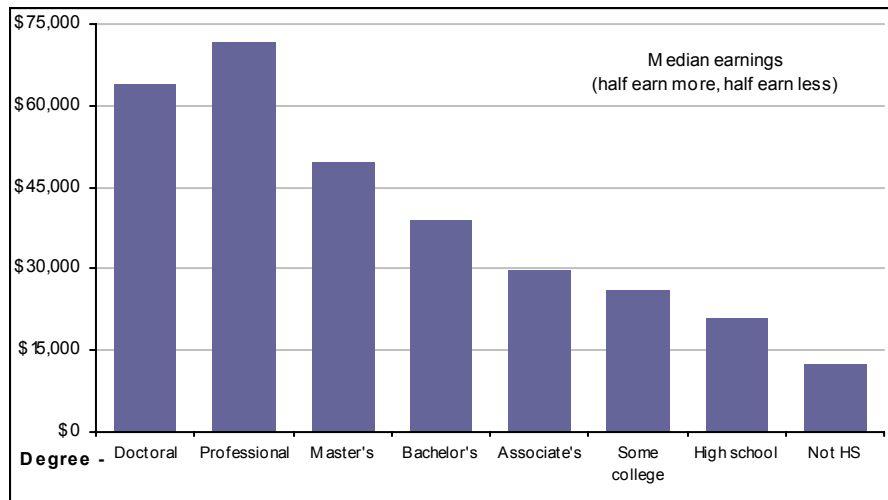
## Occupations in demand in West Central Wisconsin

	Top Ten Occupations	Education & Training Typically Required*	Average Wage**
<b>Fastest Growth</b>	Computer Scientists, NEC	Bachelor's degree	\$ 22.63
	Lawn Service Managers	Work exp. inrelated occ.	NA
	Special Agents, Insurance	Bachelor's degree	\$ 11.59
	Economists	Bachelor's degree	\$ 26.69
	Physics Teachers	Doctor's degree	NA
	Physical Science Teachers, NEC	Doctor's degree	\$ 46,900
	Economics Teachers	Doctor's degree	NA
	Political Science Teachers	Doctor's degree	NA
	Health Practitioners, NEC	First Professional degree	NA
	Brokerage Clerks	1-12 mo. on-the-job training	NA
<b>Most Openings</b>	Cashiers	1-month or less training	\$ 7.38
	Retail Salespersons	1-month or less training	\$ 8.77
	Waiters & Waitresses	1-month or less training	\$ 7.87
	Office Clerks, General	1-month or less training	\$ 10.18
	Food Prep/Service Workers, Fst Fd	1-month or less training	\$ 7.02
	General Mgrs & Top Execs	Work exp. plus a degree	\$ 31.83
	Food Preparation Workers	1-month or less training	\$ 8.15
	Teachers, Secondary School	Bachelor's degree	\$ 38,300
	Registered Nurses	Associate degree	\$ 20.81
	Truck Drivers, Heavy	Vocational training	\$ 20.77

\* The most common way to enter the occupation, not the only way

\*\* Wages from balance-of-state for western counties, 2002

## National Median Annual Earnings by Education: 2001



Source: US Census Bureau, Current Population Surveys, March 2001

## Wages for 40 Occupations with the most workers

in the labor market area including Buffalo, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, and Trempealeau counties. These counties are grouped because 1) they share similar employment and wages AND 2) together met the minimum standard of 40,000 jobs needed to publish wage information. Hourly wage data was collected from local employers in 2002.

**Half of all jobs in this area are in the occupations on this list!**

Occupation (ranked by employment)	Lowest 10% Wage*	Average/ hour	Middle range* *
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$12.36	\$20.83	\$15.14 – \$26.23
Cashiers	\$5.79	\$7.42	\$6.31 – \$8.41
Retail Salespersons	\$6.03	\$9.68	\$6.92 – \$10.70
Combined Food Prep./Serving Workers, Incl. Fast Food	\$5.70	\$7.38	\$6.23 – \$8.37
Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Hskpg. Cleaners	\$6.52	\$10.36	\$8.23 – \$12.32
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	\$7.90	\$10.08	\$9.01 – \$11.07
Team Assemblers	\$7.67	\$11.27	\$8.96 – \$13.29
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	\$6.24	\$9.71	\$7.12 – \$11.74
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	\$7.55	\$12.14	\$9.68 – \$14.44
Waiters & Waitresses	\$5.66	\$8.03	\$6.15 – \$9.25
Office Clerks, General	\$6.43	\$10.37	\$8.00 – \$12.44
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education		\$41,711	(Annual average wage)
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	\$7.85	\$11.66	\$9.81 – \$13.60
Registered Nurses	\$17.31	\$22.96	\$19.10 – \$25.58
Sec. School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Ed.		\$39,394	(Annual average wage)
Teacher Assistants		\$20,641	(Annual average wage)
General & Operations Mngrs.	\$15.12	\$34.76	\$20.57 – \$43.04
Carpenters	\$9.97	\$15.16	\$12.38 – \$17.14
Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	\$7.12	\$10.73	\$8.38 – \$12.82
Bartenders	\$5.80	\$9.18	\$6.61 – \$9.99
Customer Service Representatives	\$8.87	\$14.10	\$10.47 – \$16.61
Sales Reps., Whsl. & Mfg. Except Tech./Scientific Prod.	\$11.35	\$23.73	\$15.31 – \$29.22
Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$6.17	\$9.11	\$7.42 – \$10.61
Packers & Packagers, Hand	\$6.58	\$9.92	\$7.91 – \$11.69
1st-Line Supervisors/Mngrs. of Prod./Operating Workers	\$11.74	\$20.22	\$15.08 – \$23.79
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$6.59	\$12.56	\$8.42 – \$16.30
1st-Line Supervisors/Mngrs. -Office/Admin. Supp. Wrkrs	\$9.09	\$17.68	\$12.17 – \$21.49
Tellers	\$7.18	\$9.57	\$7.86 – \$10.31
Shipping, Receiving, & Traffic Clerks	\$8.61	\$12.67	\$10.10 – \$14.98
Bus Drivers, School	\$7.35	\$13.44	\$11.55 – \$14.89
1st-Line Supervisors/Mngrs. of Retail Sales Workers	\$8.54	\$15.51	\$10.56 – \$18.69
Middle School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Ed.		\$41,642	(Annual average wage)
Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$9.32	\$13.89	\$10.87 – \$16.65
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, & Weighers	\$8.92	\$13.07	\$10.53 – \$14.70
Cooks, Short Order	\$7.11	\$8.62	\$7.69 – \$9.55
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	\$9.04	\$14.49	\$10.89 – \$17.48
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$6.41	\$8.58	\$7.39 – \$9.80
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	\$11.60	\$15.32	\$13.14 – \$17.35
Dishwashers	\$5.92	\$7.39	\$6.65 – \$8.21
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$9.81	\$14.77	\$12.23 – \$17.18

\* only 10% of wages are lower

\*\*middle 50% of wages (25% are lower and 25% are higher)